ANTARCTICA

JANUARY 5-18, 2018

TRAVEL WITH OBERLIN PROFESSOR DR. DAN STINEBRING

ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
“[A TRAVELER] STANDS AMONG THE PENGUINS, INCREDULOUS. ‘I KNOW I’M HERE, BUT I DON’T BELIEVE I’M HERE,’ SHE EXCLAIMS TO NO ONE IN PARTICULAR. ‘IT’S BEYOND ALL DREAMS.’”

DEAR OBERLIN TRAVELERS,

When it comes to venturing to Antarctica, it is critical to experience, and not merely see, this remarkable place. Come in direct contact with Antarctica’s teeming penguin rookeries. Trek through the exhilarating landscape. Explore in Zodiaks among cathedral-sized icebergs and feeding whales. Kayak for your own personal polar adventure. Join fellow Oberlin alumni and Professor Dan Stinebring here and you will do so—and more. You’ll experience the Antarctic undersea, through the efforts of an undersea specialist and a Remotely Operated Vehicle. You’ll capture the amazing scenery and wildlife with a unique expedition photography program, including an onboard National Geographic photographer. And you’ll find your traveling companions to be knowledgeable naturalists and historians, as well as interesting fellow guests.

It is important to remember that Antarctica is not tame—it is one of the most remote and wild places on Earth. Our tour operator, Lindblad Expeditions, pioneered expedition travel to Antarctica 50 years ago and is well known for their experience and commitment to safety and preserving the environment. So join us on a journey to the White Continent aboard the state-of-the-art expedition ship, National Geographic Explorer, designed to provide you with the utmost safety and comfort.

To be in the stunning wilderness of Antarctica is a meaningful and memorable experience. To make your reservation, please call 440-775-8692, or return the attached reservation form. I hope you will join us!

Sincerely,

M. Danielle Young
Executive Director, Oberlin Alumni Association

Dan Stinebring, the Francis D. Federighi Professor of Natural Science, has been teaching astronomy and physics at Oberlin since 1990. Prior to that he taught for five years in the Princeton Physics Department after receiving his education at Williams College and Cornell University. Dan’s favorite teaching assignment is Astronomy 100, “Introductory Astronomy.” As he says, “It gives me a chance to open eyes and blow minds. If I don’t give students at least one such moment during each class I’m not doing my job!” In his research he studies pulsars and, along with a group of international colleagues, is using them to detect gravitational waves from very distant orbiting supermassive black holes. Dan and his wife, Lynn Powell, who teaches in the Creative Writing Department, are both avid sailors. They enjoy spending several months each summer at the top of Lake Huron aboard their Aloha 34 sailboat Polaris. Dan enjoys learning Dutch as a hobby and to use in talking with his astronomy colleagues in the Netherlands.

Cover photo: National Geographic Explorer is an ice-class expedition vessel. © Ralph Lee Hopkins
Opposite: Diving gentoo penguin.
Ship’s Registry: Bahamas
SEE THE ANTARCTICA YOU WOULD OTHERWISE MISS

Go with us for a genuinely exploratory experience. Thanks to National Geographic Explorer’s experts and tools, you can actively engage. Hang out on the bridge to watch the captain maneuver through channels or go on the bow and watch as the ship slices through the ice. See raucous penguin courting—with pairs proceeding from courting to mating, with comic pebble-stealing behavior on display. Shoot with an onboard National Geographic photographer and enjoy the company of genuinely interesting people. Even explore the Antarctic undersea with the help of the undersea specialist. A fleet of sturdy Zodiacs enables more wide-ranging explorations amid the bergs and landfalls on polar beaches for penguin encounters and hikes with knowledgeable naturalists. The ship also carries 36 double kayaks, so you can have water-level encounters with the ice and its creatures.

ACTIVELY EXPLORE EVERY DAY

National Geographic Explorer’s Antarctic itinerary is crafted by explorers and features opportunities to head out and discover, in one dynamic way or another. You can begin each day with a morning stretch class, or a pre-breakfast coffee at the 24/7 coffee/tea station. And you can look forward to brisk walks or strolls, Zodiac tours or landings, and opportunities to kayak, depending on the location and conditions. More adventurous guests might even decide to take the polar plunge challenge. The fleet of Zodiacs and kayaks, plus the team’s swiftness in deploying, ensures that you will spend no time wistfully awaiting a turn—the entire expedition community can be accommodated. And if we’re at sea, or for those whose fitness requirements exceed daily expedition exertions, the glass-enclosed fitness center is open at any time of day or night, particularly useful in Antarctica, where the midnight sun blurs distinction!

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Take advantage of Antarctica’s unrivaled photo ops; a thrilling humpback whale encounter; guest enjoys the spectacular vistas from deck; an exuberant guest takes the polar plunge challenge; photographing an Adélie penguin up close.
THE PERFECT PLATFORM FOR EXPLORATION

*National Geographic Explorer* is a genuine expedition ship, not a cruise ship masquerading as one. Therefore, she is uniquely equipped to facilitate our expedition philosophy of in-depth seeing and experiencing—with state-of-the-art tools for exploration. An unparalleled base for discovery, *Explorer* enables the fullest expression of the expedition style: an intimate, authentic, learning-oriented environment. She is also most importantly able to provide excellent safety features and an equally excellent Antarctic experience. In addition to being an ice-class polar expedition vessel, *Explorer* is a beautiful ship, built with careful attention to details and comfort. Accommodating just 148 guests in 81 outside-facing cabins, she fosters a welcoming *esprit de corps* within the expedition community and provides a perfect ending to active days.

TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY ENSURE EXTRAORDINARY BENEFITS

- **DNV ICE-1A Class Rating** on the hull, enabling us to navigate the ice safely
- A **Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV)** that can explore the ocean at depths to 1,000 feet
- A **Remote-controlled Crow’s Nest Camera** with real-time footage broadcast on high definition LCD video screens within each cabin
- An **Electronic Chart System** that broadcasts as a channel in the cabins
- A **Chart Room** with nautical maps and a coffee, tea, hot cocoa station
- An **Observation Lounge**, providing panoramic vistas of the scenery and a supply of binoculars
- **Large Fleet of Zodiacs** and internal boarding mechanism for swift, effortless disembarkation of all guests
- **36 Double Kayaks** that allow personal exploring in pristine Antarctic environments
- A **Professional Video Chronicler** to capture every facet of your unique adventure, and professionally edit a DVD prior to departure available for purchase.

**Open Invitation to Visit the Bridge**

*Opposite (clockwise from top):* National Geographic Explorer is designed with the utmost attention to safety and comfort; guests join officers on the bridge to watch them navigate the ice; exploring amid the bergs via Zodiac with narration by a naturalist; kayaks allow for personal exploration.
TRAVEL WITH AN A+ EXPEDITION TEAM

You’ll travel with the top team plying polar waters. The ship’s captain and officers have decades of experience navigating Antarctic expeditions, confirming they have the expertise and confidence to safely conduct guests through the full range of polar weather and sea conditions. With a profound love for the polar geographies, the captain and his team ensure that spontaneity and memorable moments remain expedition hallmarks.

The unparalleled expedition team is key to your in-depth experience. An expedition leader, naturalists/historians, Global Perspectives guest speaker, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, video chronicler, and wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the wonders. The generous expedition staff-to-guest ratio of 1:10 means more choice in activities and more diverse personalities and interests you can gravitate to. Their guidance and enthusiasm make this Antarctica expedition uniquely informative and fun.

These are some of the specialists who will be joining your voyage:

Global Perspectives guest speaker and oceanographer **Dr. Joe MacInnis** is the first person to explore the ocean beneath the North Pole. His teams built the world’s first undersea polar station and discovered the northernmost known shipwreck.

Veteran naturalist **Dennis Cornejo** began his career researching sea turtles. He later received his master’s in ecology and evolutionary biology and a doctorate in botany. Dennis is a diving professional and has dived around the world.

Undersea specialist **Paul North** calls Alaska home, where he has explored its diverse underwater landscape. He is a commercial fisherman and harvest diver, and conducts oceanographic research in both the Pacific and the Atlantic.

A native New Zealander, **Brent Stephenson** is a certified photo instructor/naturalist. He has been a birder since childhood which led to a Ph.D. in the field. An avid wildlife photographer, he has been published in many books and magazines.

*Expedition staff subject to change.*
TAKE GREAT PHOTOS WITH THE PROS

Unique in the world of travel, the expedition photography program offers guests of every skill and interest level unrivalled photography opportunities—including a top National Geographic photographer aboard. Plus, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor is on hand to help you understand your camera settings, the basics of composition, and wildlife behavior. Plus, test the latest high-end photo gear, on loan from B&H Photo Video. Now, every guest—from iPhone camera users to semi-pro shooters, can stand side-by-side with top photographers and pick up tips in the field and take great photos.

EXPLORE THE ANTARCTIC UNDERSEA

An onboard undersea specialist will dive with a video camera and bring back footage for all to watch in vivid HD, in the dry warmth and comfort of the ship’s lounge, perhaps with a cocktail in hand and hors d’oeuvres at the ready. Always interesting, it can also be pioneering. In Antarctica, the footage you see may be of marine life few scientists, or human eyes for that matter, have ever seen.
JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT
14 DAYS/11 NIGHTS—ABoard NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

Traveling aboard the state-of-the-art National Geographic Explorer, encounter the spectacular Antarctic Peninsula and the surrounding islands and waterways. Glide around enormous tabular icebergs by Zodiac, walk along beaches covered with thousands of penguins, and kayak amid abundant marine life.

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina’s cosmopolitan capital. Settle into the Sofitel Buenos Aires Hotel (or similar) before seeing the city’s Beaux Arts palaces, and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Perón.

DAY 3: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA/EMBARK
Fly by private charter to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Join a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel before embarking the ship. (B,L,D)

Guests in Zodiac photograph a crabeater seal.
**DAY 4: AT SEA/DRAKE PASSAGE**
While crossing the legendary Drake Passage, spot albatross and other seabirds that glide alongside the ship. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 5–10: EXPLORING ANTARCTICA**
With long hours of daylight at this time of year, you have ample opportunity to explore the Antarctic Peninsula and the surrounding islands. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, the schedule is flexible so that we can take advantage of the unexpected—watching whales perform off the bow, taking an after-dinner Zodiac cruise, or heading out on an extra landing. We anticipate making landings each day to hike, kayak among the ice floes, and experience close encounters with wildlife. You may have the thrill of watching the powerful ship crunch through the pack ice, or step ashore to thousands of Adélie and chinstrap penguins. You’ll learn how climate change affects the penguin populations, and how to capture images of those same penguins from a National Geographic photographer. Back aboard, the undersea specialist may present video from that day’s dive or show rare images taken up to 1,000 feet below the surface using the ROV. The expert staff will craft an expedition where you will learn, see, and experience more. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 11 AND 12: AT SEA**
Enjoy the ship’s amenities as the Antarctica coast disappears from view. Round the southernmost tip of South America, and see the meeting of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Celebrate your voyage at a farewell dinner on board. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 13 AND 14: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/DISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.**
Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly by charter to Buenos Aires and connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 13: B,L)

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**
Prior to your voyage, add two days in Buenos Aires. Add a four-day post-voyage extension to Easter Island, or three days post-voyage at Iguazú Falls.
Call for details.

*Adélie penguins.*
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

Capacity: 148 guests in 81 outside cabins. 
REGISTRY: Bahamas. OVERALL LENGTH: 367 feet. 
National Geographic Explorer is a state-of-the-art expedition ship and the flagship of the Lindblad fleet. It is a fully stabilized ice-class vessel, enabling it to navigate remote places while providing exceptional comfort.

PUBLIC AREAS: Bistro bar; chart room; restaurant; global gallery; library; lounge with full-service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows, and presentations; mud room with lockers for expedition gear, and observation lounge. The “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet the officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menu is international with local flair.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities, and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies. Cabins are equipped with Ethernet and Wi-Fi connections and USB ports for mobile devices.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiacs, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, Splash-Cam, underwater video camera, remote-controlled Crow’s Nest camera, video microscope.

SPECIAL FEATURES: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, National Geographic photographer, Global Perspectives guest speaker, and video chronicler, Internet café, and laundry.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features a glass-enclosed fitness center, outdoor stretching area, two LEXspa treatment rooms, and sauna.

Upper Deck cabin with balcony; fitness center with sweeping views; dining is completely casual with no assigned seating.
**CATEGORY 1:** $13,760
Main Deck with one or two portholes #301-308

**CATEGORY 2:** $14,790
Main Deck with window #317-320, 335-336

**CATEGORY 3:** $15,230
Main Deck with window #313-316, 321-328, 337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350

**CATEGORY 4:** $16,390
Upper and Veranda Decks with window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228

**CATEGORY 5:** $19,720
Upper Deck with balcony #209, 211, 214, 216-222, 224

**CATEGORY 6:** $22,540
Veranda Deck–Suite #101-102; Upper Deck-Suite with balcony #213

**CATEGORY 7:** $26,240
Upper Deck–Suite with balcony #215, 219, 230

**CATEGORY A SOLO:** $18,490
Main Deck with window #309-312, 329-334

**CATEGORY B SOLO:** $19,040
Upper and Veranda Decks with window #105-106, 203, 208

**CATEGORY 3 TRIPLE:** *
Main Deck with window #341, 343

**SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS:** Available in Categories 1 and 2.

**SOLE OCCUPANCY:** Cabins available in Categories A and B.

Note: Cabins #209, 211, 214, 216-218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 303-306—These cabins have one queen-sized bed. All other double cabins have two lower single beds; some can convert to a queen-sized bed. *Third person rates are available in the designated triple occupancy cabins at one-half the double occupancy rate. Cabins #341, 343, 101, 102, 215, 219 and 230 can accommodate a third person.
INCLUSIVE PRICING

ABOARD SHIP
✓ Accommodations
✓ All meals & beer, wine & cocktails
✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda
✓ Cappuccinos, lattes & complimentary refillable water bottle
✓ Hors d’oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap
✓ Fully stocked library
✓ Sauna
✓ Fitness center
✓ The guidance & company of the expedition staff
✓ Crew gratuities

ASHORE
✓ One hotel night in Buenos Aires
✓ Meals as indicated in itinerary
✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
✓ Transfers to & from group flights
✓ The expertise of the expedition staff

ACTIVITIES
✓ All shore activities
✓ Zodiac & kayak explorations
✓ Lectures & presentations in the lounge
✓ Photo instruction
✓ Morning stretch classes with wellness specialist

SPECIAL OFFER
COMPLIMENTARY BAR TAB & CREW GRATUITIES: Your crew gratuities and bar tab (excepting certain super-premium brands of alcohol) will be covered.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

EXPEDITION COST INCLUDES: Accommodations aboard ship; one hotel night in Buenos Aires; meals and all beverages aboard ship (except certain premium brands of alcohol); meals on land as indicated; transfers to/from airport if traveling on group flights; all shore excursions, sightseeing, and entrance fees; use of kayaks; taxes, service charges, and tips; services of the ship physician and expedition staff.

NOT INCLUDED: Air transportation, extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of a personal nature, such as e-mail, voyage DVD, laundry.


Airfares subject to change. Lindblad will assist in making your air arrangements for a $50 per person service fee.

RESERVATIONS: To confirm your place, an advance payment of US $1,500 per person is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or check.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due 120 days prior to departure. We reserve the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: Travel protection and medical insurance are available at extra cost. Information will be sent upon registration.

SMOKING POLICY: Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: Guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country through which they are transiting and/or entering. Reliable and most current information regarding international travel can be found by contacting the consulate/embassy of the country(s) you are visiting or transiting through. We will not be responsible if you are denied entry or transit into a country, if you are unable to provide valid documents as per the country’s requirement.

RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS:
Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Maritime Enterprises’ liability for loss of property, injury, illness, or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship’s ticket sent prior to departure or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

Prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date, and are subject to change. Lindblad Maritime Enterprises reserves the right to impose surcharges based on increases in the actual cost of fuel.

CANCELLATION POLICY

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We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.
RESERVATION FORM: ANTARCTICA
ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER — JANUARY 5-18, 2018

Please reserve _________ place(s).

Name 1: ____________________________________________________________
(As it appears on passport)

Name 1: ______________________________________ Date of Birth: ________________
(Preferred name for name badge)

Name 2: ____________________________________________________________
(As it appears on passport)

Name 2: ______________________________________ Date of Birth: ________________
(Preferred name for name badge)

Street Address: ______________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ____________ Zip: __________

Home Phone: ______________________ Cell Phone: ______________________

Business Phone: ___________________ Fax: ______________________

Email: _________________________________

Accommodations: □ Double □ Single □ Twin share w/friend
□ Share with roommate assigned by tour operator

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:
1st choice: __________________________ 2nd choice: __________________

Please send information on the extension to  □ Buenos Aires  □ Iguazú Falls  □ Easter Island.

☐ Enclosed is my advance payment of $_____________________ (US$1,500 per person).
Check made payable to Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.

☐ Charge my advance payment of $_____________________ (US$1,500 per person) to my □ Visa □ MasterCard □ American Express □ Discover.

Account Number: __________________________________ Expires: ____________

Cardholder Signature: __________________________________ Date: ____________
EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

» Explore the world’s last great wilderness in the company of Oberlin Professor Dr. Dan Stinebring and a team of top naturalists.

» View magnificent mountains, towering icebergs, and ice formations.

» On shore observe thousands of penguins, including gentoo, Adélie, and chinstrap.

» Cruise aboard sturdy Zodiac landing craft in search of seals.

» Kayak in protected waters, paddling around icebergs as penguins swim nearby.